

Philanthropy's Response to 2025 Flooding

A presentation to the West Virginia Floodplain Management Conference

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About Philanthropy West Virginia



OUR VISION

West Virginia has thriving communities, due in part, to a strong and vibrant philanthropy sector.



OUR MISSION

Strengthening philanthropy in the Mountain State



CORE VALUES

- Leadership
- Collaboration
- Inclusion
- Lifelong Learning
- Integrity
- Advancing West Virginia



OUR HISTORY & MEMBERSHIP

For more than 30 years, Philanthropy West Virginia has supported foundations and grantmakers working to meet community needs across the state.

2026 Membership Represents:

- 22 Private & Family Foundations
- 23 Community Foundations & Affiliates
- 6 Corporations
- 5 Healthcare Funders
- 2 Government Funders
- 3 Individual Members



Philanthropy West Virginia's Impact



Four Regional Convenings on Food Insecurity

143 participants registered

23 Counties Represented

12 Sponsors



Food Insecurity Report to 2025 Conference participants



Philanthropy and Nonprofit Day at the Legislature February 18, 2026



Foundations on the Hill Washington DC visits in March 2026



Regional Roundtables connecting members, sharing information

Philanthropy's Impact in West Virginia

Type of Foundation	# of Foundations	Assets	Total Giving	Gifts Received	Qualifying Distributions
Community:	14	\$381,339,048 17%	\$15,637,487 15%	\$17,590,638 24%	
Family:	79	\$602,313,359 27%	\$34,437,701 34%	\$22,364,960 30%	\$36,025,902 37%
Company-sponsored:	14	\$12,021,644 1%	\$764,353 1%	\$343,071 0%	\$770,899 1%
Independent:	288	\$1,148,983,790 52%	\$50,595,002 50%	\$32,172,414 43%	\$58,427,946 60%
Operating:	21	\$85,331,976 4%	\$676,638 1%	\$1,488,491 2%	\$2,500,307 3%
TOTAL	410	\$2,229,989,817	\$102,111,181	\$73,959,054	\$97,725,054

‘Philanthropy exists because of two truths about the human condition: things often go wrong, and things could always be better.’

*2008 Robert L. Payton and Michael P. Moody
Understanding Philanthropy: Its Meaning and Mission*



Tygart Valley United Way Response

- Established a Flood Fund to help meet emergent shelter and supply needs and provide an outlet for support
- Coordinated with partners to set up donation and distribution sites for cleaning supplies, clothing, and hygiene items
- Created and maintained a central website for information and resource sharing
- \$116,707 raised for response
- 426 nights of shelter provided
- 1,577 individuals received supplies
- 56 homeowners received financial assistance for repair





Long-Term Recovery Team Ohio Valley

- Headed by the **United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley**, it includes over 30 local agencies and focuses on:
- **Housing assistance:** Organizing short-term, long-term, and permanent housing lists for those displaced.
- **Case management:** Assessing individual needs for housing, appliances, furniture, and rebuilding .
- **Volunteer and donation needs:** Seeking retired tradespeople (electricians, carpenters, construction) and monetary contributions.

Upper Ohio Valley

Long-Term Disaster Recovery Group led by the United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley

- As of June 1, 2026 161 cases successfully closed.
- 23 cases are in progress.
- 16 were unable to contact.
- Assisted in building a bridge for six families that lost theirs in the flood.
- Philanthropy's support \$761,000 raised from June-August.
- Non-cash support: food, clothing, shoes, hygiene items, car rentals, a dump truck donated to small business, building materials, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, drywall, cabinets, furniture, etc.









Other Partners in Philanthropy Responding

- Catholic Charities of West Virginia
- WV Chamber Foundation
- Wesbanco
- Brad Paisley Foundation

Disaster Response Philanthropy Playbook

- Case Management,
- Recovery Coordination,
- Crisis Communications Toolkit,
- Mental Health, Grief & Bereavement Toolkit,
- Responding to a Community Crisis,
- Setting up a Disaster Fund,
- Vetting NGOs for Disaster Recovery



United We Prepare

Two Resiliency Centers in Fairmont and Charleston to connect nonprofits, community organizations, local governments, and emergency response agencies for better preparedness and response to disasters.

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